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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT-RAILWAY TRANSPORT
(05.03) AUGUST 18 MEETING WITH KOLODYAZNIY

1. SCIOFF MET AUGUST 18 WITH MR. KOLODYAZNIY AND MR. LUKOV OF THE RAILWAY MINISTRY TO RECEIVE MATERIAL FOR MR. PARSONS AS DETAILED IN SEPTEL.

2. MEETING WAS MOST CORDIAL. CLEAR IMPRESSIONS WAS THAT MR. KOLODYAZNIY AND MR. LUKOV WISHED SCIOFF TO KNOW HOW MUCH THEY HOPE FOR CONTINUED SUCCESSFUL EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION UNDER THE RAILWAY TRANSPORT, AND TRANSPORT OF THE FUTURE SUBSECTIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT.

3. MR. KOLODYAZNIY IS A DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN. HE SPEAKS PRECISE ENGLISH AND FRENCH, BUT PREFERS TO CONVERSE IN RUSSIAN. MR. KOLODYAZNIY WAS PAID GREAT DEFERENCE BY MR. LUKOV WHO REPEATEDLY EXPLAINED THE ELEVATED RANK OF HIS SUPERIOR IN THE MINISTRY.

4. IN DELIVERING THE MATERIAL ON HIGH SPEED TRAIN TRAFFIC RESEARCH DESCRIBED SEPTEL, KOLODYAZNIY SAID HE VERY MUCH HOPED THE INFORMATION WOULD BE USEFUL. HE SAID IT WAS BEING PROVIDED IN AN ATTEMPT TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO U.S. QUESTIONS ON THE SUBJECT.

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5. AT SCIOFF'S PROMPTING, MR. LUKOV SAID THAT THE ONLY ITEM BEING AWAITED FROM THE U.S. SIDE IS INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM FOR UPGRADING THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR FOR HIGH SPEED, RAIL PASSENGER TRAFFIC. HE SAID MR. PARSONS HAD SUGGESTED THIS STUDY MIGHT BE AVAILABLE BY THE END OF THE YEAR, BUT THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WAS NOT PRESSING FOR THE INFORMATION.

6. SCIOFF ENCOURAGED FURTHER USE OF THE EMBASSY FOR TRANSMITTING LETTERS, PUBLICATIONS, AND INFORMATION REQUIRING SPEEDY DELIVERY AND FOLLOW-UP. LUKOV AGREED THAT IN FUTURE THE EMBASSY WOULD BE RELIED ON FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE.

7. COMMENT: WARMTH OF GREETING DURING SCIOFF'S INITIAL CONTACT WITH RAILWAY MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES SUGGESTS THAT MINISTRY HAS SERIOUS INTEREST IN DEVELOPING COOPERATION UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT. IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE MINISTRY AND DOT BY WAY OF THE SCIENCE OFFICE SHOULD ELIMINATE WHATEVER SLIGHT IRRITANT MAY HAVE EXISTED IN PAST DEALINGS. END COMMENT. STOESEL

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